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Applicants: Takashi SUGIHARA *et al.*  
Title: TESTIS-SPECIFIC DIFFERENTIATION-REGULATORY FACTOR  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to an Office Action dated August 13, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. A reply is due December 13, 2003, by virtue of the attached Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the required fees. Although Applicant believes the amount of the attached check is correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: